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To clarify the family violence option under the temporary assistance to needy families program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD (for herself and Mrs. MYRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that:

5 (1) The intent of Congress in amending part A
6 of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601
7 et seq.) in section 103(a) of the Personal Respon-
8 sibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of
9 1996 (Public Law 104–193; 110 Stat. 2112) was to
10 allow States to take into account the effects of the

1 epidemic of domestic violence in establishing their
2 welfare programs, by giving States the flexibility to
3 grant individuals temporary waivers for good cause
4 to victims of domestic violence who meet the criteria
5 set forth in section 402(a)(7)(B) of the Social Secu-
6 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 602(a)(7)(B)).

7 (2) The allowance of waivers under such sec-
8 tions was not intended to be limited by other sepa-
9 rate and independent provisions of part A of title IV
10 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).

11 (3) Under section 402(a)(7)(A)(iii) of such Act
12 (42 U.S.C. 602(a)(7)(A)(iii)), requirements under
13 the temporary assistance for needy families program
14 under part A of title IV of such Act may, for good
15 cause, be waived for so long as necessary.

16 (4) Good cause waivers granted pursuant to
17 section 402(a)(7)(A)(iii) are intended to be tem-
18 porary and directed only at particular program re-
19 quirements when needed on an individual case-by-
20 case basis, and are intended to facilitate the ability
21 of victims of domestic violence to move forward and
22 meet program requirements when safe and feasible
23 without interference by domestic violence.

1 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF WAIVER PROVISIONS RELATING**
2 **TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 402(a)(7) of the Social
4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 602(a)(7)) is amended by adding
5 at the end the following:

6 “(C) NO NUMERICAL LIMITS.—In imple-
7 menting this paragraph, a State shall not be
8 subject to any numerical limitation in the
9 granting of good cause waivers under subpara-
10 graph (A)(iii).

11 “(D) WAIVERED INDIVIDUALS NOT IN-
12 CLUDED FOR PURPOSES OF CERTAIN OTHER
13 PROVISIONS OF THIS PART.—Any individual to
14 whom a good cause waiver of compliance with
15 this Act has been granted in accordance with
16 subparagraph (A)(iii) shall not be included for
17 purposes of determining a State’s compliance
18 with the participation rate requirements set
19 forth in section 407, for purposes of applying
20 the limitation described in section
21 408(a)(7)(C)(ii), or for purposes of whether to
22 impose a penalty under paragraph (3), (5), or
23 (9) of section 409(a).”.

24 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
25 subsection (a) takes effect as if it had been included in
26 the enactment of section 103(a) of the Personal Respon-

- 1 sibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996
- 2 (Public Law 104–193; 110 Stat. 2112).

